

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112

Claims 157-188 are rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 158 presents that the caller identification data is transmitted from the telephone answering apparatus to the paging network "over a direct connection", this directly negates the transmitting which has already occurred in claim 157 "utilizing the telephone network", thus it is not clear what is definitely intended of the phrase "utilizing the telephone network" as applied in claim 157 when used in conjunction with the direct connection of claim 158, only alternatives are provided and it is not clear that there is enablement for different alternative to be used together as claimed in this combination.

Applicant's Response

Applicant in Figures 2a, 2b and other figures and places in the specification discloses the embodiment claimed in claim 158.

Additionally, the use of cellular networks is discussed throughout the specification. One particular example is on page 36 beginning at line 17. Another wireless embodiment is provided by Figure 29 which illustrates RF networks. Claim 157 was amended for clarity.

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In claim 167, "said optional data" lacks antecedent basis, optional data was first referred to in claim 166, see also claims dependent from claim 167 in making any changes to claims 167.

Applicant's Response

Applicant has amended claim 167 to provide the proper antecedent bases.

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It is not clear of the support of each and every alternative form of optional data as listed in conjunction with the embodiment presented by claim 167 and dependents therefrom as well as claim 170 and dependents therefrom, which correspond to figures 2a and 2b, in particular it is not clear the video and image combinations are clearly presented in the embodiment claimed in the elected invention.

Applicant's Response

The claimed embodiments are supported in the application in such locations as Figures 4, 5 and elsewhere.

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Claims 181 and 182 cause confusion with respect to the initiating of a new connection by 'transmitting the stored "voice" signals' it is not clear if this is intended to refer to the stored caller identification data as the voice signals being referred to here are synthesized voice signals generated at the device, thus storing these signals would be

storing the generated voice signals, it is not clear where such an alternative is clearly described in the embodiment elected.

Applicant's Response

Claim 179 and 181 were amended for clarity and to obviate the points raised in the rejection.

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In claim 183, it is not clear where this alternative device is clearly described in conjunction with the elected invention.

Applicant's Response

Claim 183 was amended for clarity and to obviate the points raised in the rejections.

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In claim 184, it is not clear where the transmitting of the identification information over the cellular network is provided in conjunction with the transmitting over the telephone network which has already been provided in claim 157, it is not clear if the intent is to merely refer to the telephone network already referred to in claim 157 as being a cellular communication network. Applicant's claim 184 is now clear due to the amendment above to claim 183.

In claim 188, it is not clear where this alternative device is clearly described in conjunction with the elected invention.

Applicant's Response

Figures 7a and 7b provide support for the invention claimed by claim 188.


Conclusion

Additionally, claims 160-163, 173-174, 182 and 184 were amended to correct for certain informalities.

The claims in condition for allowance, this action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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